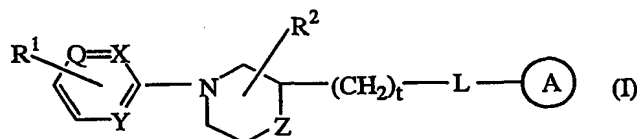


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Claims

1. A compound of formula (I),



the *N*-oxide forms, the pharmaceutically acceptable addition salts and the stereochemically isomeric forms thereof, wherein

*t* is 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4 and when *t* is 0 then a direct bond is intended;

each Q is nitrogen or  $\text{—C}\equiv\text{N}$ ;

each X is nitrogen or  $\text{—C}\equiv\text{N}$ ;

each Y is nitrogen or  $\text{—C}\equiv\text{N}$ ;

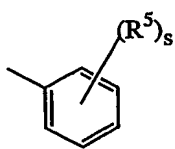
each Z is  $\text{—NH—}$ ,  $\text{—O—}$  or  $\text{—CH}_2\text{—}$ ;

$R^1$  is  $\text{—C(O)NR}^3R^4$ ,  $\text{—NHC(O)R}^7$ ,  $\text{—C(O)—C}_{1-6}\text{alkanediylSR}^7$ ,  $\text{—NR}^8\text{C(O)N(OH)R}^7$ ,  $\text{—NR}^8\text{C(O)C}_{1-6}\text{alkanediylSR}^7$ ,  $\text{—NR}^8\text{C(O)C=N(OH)R}^7$  or another Zn-chelating-group wherein  $R^3$  and  $R^4$  are each independently selected from hydrogen, hydroxy,  $\text{C}_{1-6}$ alkyl, hydroxy $\text{C}_{1-6}$ alkyl, amino $\text{C}_{1-6}$ alkyl or aminoaryl;  
 $R^7$  is hydrogen,  $\text{C}_{1-6}$ alkyl,  $\text{C}_{1-6}$ alkylcarbonyl, aryl $\text{C}_{1-6}$ alkyl,  $\text{C}_{1-6}$ alkylpyrazinyl, pyridinone, pyrrolidinone or methylimidazolyl;  
 $R^8$  is hydrogen or  $\text{C}_{1-6}$ alkyl;

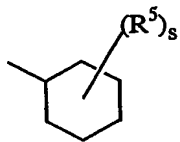
$R^2$  is hydrogen, hydroxy, amino, hydroxy $\text{C}_{1-6}$ alkyl,  $\text{C}_{1-6}$ alkyl,  $\text{C}_{1-6}$ alkyloxy, aryl $\text{C}_{1-6}$ alkyl, aminocarbonyl, hydroxycarbonyl, amino $\text{C}_{1-6}$ alkyl, aminocarbonyl $\text{C}_{1-6}$ alkyl, hydroxycarbonyl $\text{C}_{1-6}$ alkyl, hydroxyaminocarbonyl,  $\text{C}_{1-6}$ alkyloxycarbonyl,  $\text{C}_{1-6}$ alkylamino $\text{C}_{1-6}$ alkyl or di( $\text{C}_{1-6}$ alkyl)amino $\text{C}_{1-6}$ alkyl;

$\text{—L—}$  is a bivalent radical selected from  $\text{—NR}^9\text{C(O)—}$ ,  $\text{—NR}^9\text{SO}_2\text{—}$  or  $\text{—NR}^9\text{CH}_2\text{—}$  wherein  $R^9$  is hydrogen,  $\text{C}_{1-6}$ alkyl,  $\text{C}_{3-10}$ cycloalkyl, hydroxy $\text{C}_{1-6}$ alkyl,  $\text{C}_{1-6}$ alkyloxy $\text{C}_{1-6}$ alkyl or di( $\text{C}_{1-6}$ alkyl)amino $\text{C}_{1-6}$ alkyl;

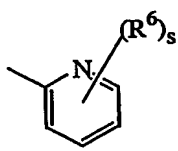
$\text{—}\bigcirc\text{A}$  is a radical selected from



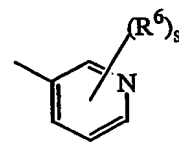
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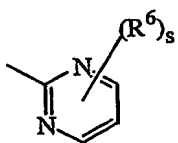
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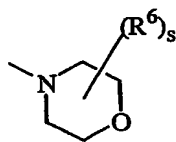
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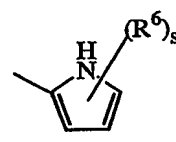
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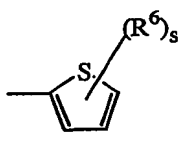


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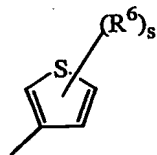


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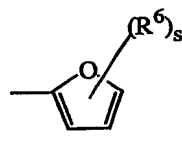
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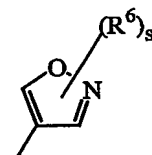
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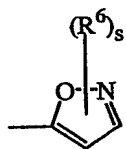
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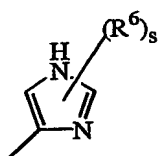
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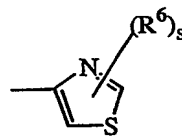
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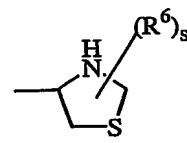
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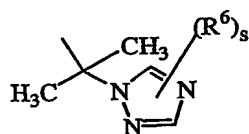
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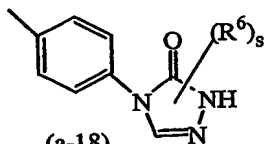
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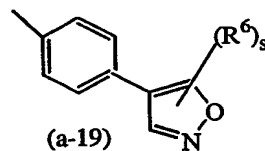
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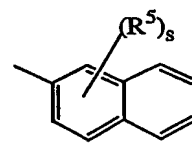
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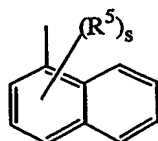


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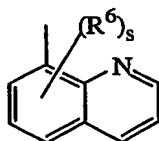


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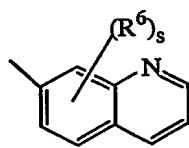
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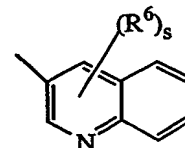
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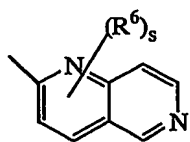


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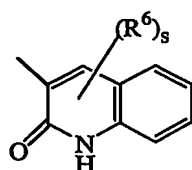


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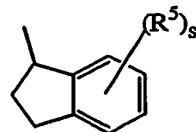
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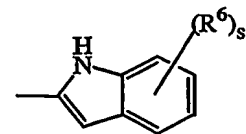
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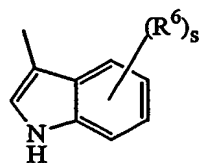
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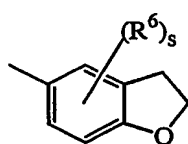
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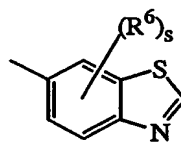
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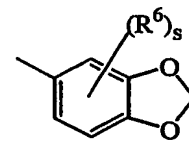
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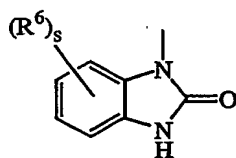
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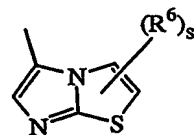
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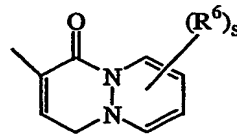
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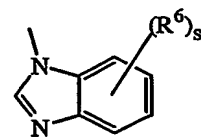
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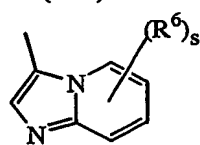


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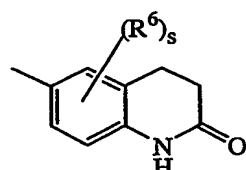


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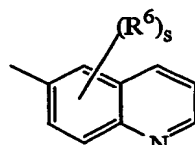
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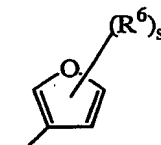
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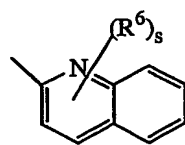
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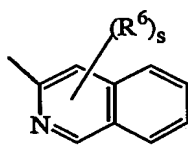
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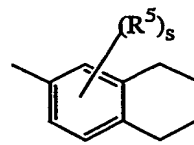
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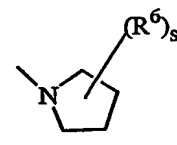
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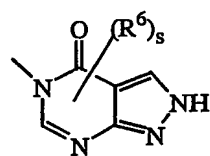
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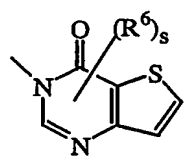
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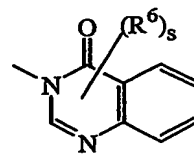
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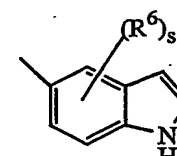
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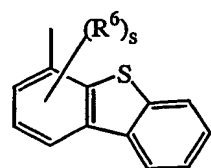


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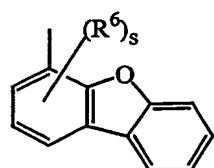


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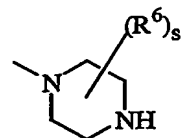
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wherein each s is independently 0, 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5;

each R<sup>5</sup> and R<sup>6</sup> are independently selected from hydrogen; halo; hydroxy; amino; nitro;

trihaloC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl; trihaloC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxy; C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl; C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl substituted with aryl and

C<sub>3-10</sub>cycloalkyl; C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxy; C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxyC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxy; C<sub>1-6</sub>alkylcarbonyl;

5 C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxy carbonyl; C<sub>1-6</sub>alkylsulfonyl; cyanoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl; hydroxyC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl;

hydroxyC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxy; hydroxyC<sub>1-6</sub>alkylamino; aminoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxy;

di(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)aminocarbonyl; di(hydroxyC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)amino; (aryl)(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)amino;

di(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxy; di(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkylamino;

di(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkylaminoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl; arylsulfonyl; arylsulfonylamino;

10 aryloxy; aryloxyC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl; arylC<sub>2-6</sub>alkenediyl; di(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)amino;

di(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl; di(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)amino(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)amino;

di(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)amino(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl;

di(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)amino;

di(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl;

15 aminosulfonylamino(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)amino;

aminosulfonylamino(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl;

di(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)aminosulfonylamino(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)amino;

di(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)aminosulfonylamino(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl; cyano; thiophenyl;

thiophenyl substituted with

20 di(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl,

di(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkylpiperazinylC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl,

hydroxyC<sub>1-6</sub>alkylpiperazinylC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl,

hydroxyC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxyC<sub>1-6</sub>alkylpiperazinylC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl,

di(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)aminosulfonylpiperazinylC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl,

25 C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxy piperidinyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxy piperidinylC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, morpholinylC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl,

hydroxyC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, or di(hydroxyC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl;

furanyl; furanyl substituted with hydroxyC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl; benzofuranyl; imidazolyl;

oxazolyl; oxazolyl substituted with aryl and C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl; C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyltriazolyl; tetrazolyl;

pyrrolidinyl; pyrrolyl; piperidinylC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxy; morpholinyl; C<sub>1-6</sub>alkylmorpholinyl;

30 morpholinylC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxy;

morpholinylC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl; morpholinylC<sub>1-6</sub>alkylamino;

morpholinylC<sub>1-6</sub>alkylaminoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl; piperazinyl; C<sub>1-6</sub>alkylpiperazinyl;

C<sub>1-6</sub>alkylpiperazinylC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxy; piperazinylC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl;

naphtalenylsulfonylpiperazinyl; naphtalenylsulfonylpiperidinyl; naphtalenylsulfonyl;

35 C<sub>1-6</sub>alkylpiperazinylC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl; C<sub>1-6</sub>alkylpiperazinylC<sub>1-6</sub>alkylamino;

C<sub>1-6</sub>alkylpiperazinylC<sub>1-6</sub>alkylaminoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl; C<sub>1-6</sub>alkylpiperazinylsulfonyl;

aminosulfonylpiperazinylC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxy; aminosulfonylpiperazinyl;

aminosulfonylpiperazinylC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl; di(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)aminosulfonylpiperazinyl;

- di(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)aminosulfonylpiperazinylC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl; hydroxyC<sub>1-6</sub>alkylpiperazinyl;  
hydroxyC<sub>1-6</sub>alkylpiperazinylC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl; C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxypiperidinyl;  
C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxypiperidinylC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl; piperidinylaminoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkylamino;  
piperidinylaminoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkylaminoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl;  
5 (C<sub>1-6</sub>alkylpiperidinyl)(hydroxyC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkylamino;  
(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkylpiperidinyl)(hydroxyC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkylaminoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl;  
hydroxyC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxyC<sub>1-6</sub>alkylpiperazinyl;  
hydroxyC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxyC<sub>1-6</sub>alkylpiperazinylC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl;  
(hydroxyC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)amino; (hydroxyC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl;  
10 hydroxyC<sub>1-6</sub>alkylaminoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl; di(hydroxyC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl;  
pyrrolidinylC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl; pyrrolidinylC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxy; pyrazolyl; thiopyrazolyl; pyrazolyl  
substituted with two substituents selected from C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl or trihaloC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl;  
pyridinyl; pyridinyl substituted with C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxy, aryloxy or aryl; pyrimidinyl;  
tetrahydropyrimidinylpiperazinyl; tetrahydropyrimidinylpiperazinylC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl;  
15 quinoliny; indole; phenyl; phenyl substituted with one, two or three substituents  
independently selected from halo, amino, nitro, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxy,  
hydroxyC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethyloxy, hydroxyC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyloxy,  
C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylsulfonyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyloxyC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyloxy, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyloxycarbonyl,  
aminoC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyloxy,  
20 di(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyloxy, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)amino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)aminocarbonyl,  
di(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-4</sub>alkylaminoC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl,  
di(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)amino(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)amino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)amino(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl,  
di(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)amino,  
di(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl,  
25 aminosulfonylamino(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)amino,  
aminosulfonylamino(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl,  
di(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)aminosulfonylamino(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)amino,  
di(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)aminosulfonylamino(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, cyano,  
piperidinylC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyloxy, pyrrolidinylC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyloxy, aminosulfonylpiperazinyl,  
30 aminosulfonylpiperazinylC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)aminosulfonylpiperazinyl,  
di(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)aminosulfonylpiperazinylC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, hydroxyC<sub>1-4</sub>alkylpiperazinyl,  
hydroxyC<sub>1-4</sub>alkylpiperazinylC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyloxypiperidinyl,  
C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyloxypiperidinylC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, hydroxyC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyloxyC<sub>1-4</sub>alkylpiperazinyl,  
hydroxyC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyloxyC<sub>1-4</sub>alkylpiperazinylC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl,  
35 (hydroxyC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)amino, (hydroxyC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl,  
hydroxyC<sub>1-4</sub>alkylaminoC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, di(hydroxyC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, furanyl,  
furanyl substituted with -CH=CH-CH=CH-, pyrrolidinylC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl,  
pyrrolidinylC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyloxy, morpholinyl, morpholinylC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyloxy,

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- morpholinylC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, morpholinylC<sub>1-4</sub>alkylamino,  
 morpholinylC<sub>1-4</sub>alkylaminoC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, piperazinyl,  
 C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylpiperazinyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylpiperazinylC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyloxy, piperazinylC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl,  
 C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylpiperazinylC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylpiperazinylC<sub>1-4</sub>alkylamino,  
 5 C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylpiperazinylC<sub>1-4</sub>alkylaminoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, pyrimidinylpiperazinyl,  
 pyrimidinylpiperazinylC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, piperidinylaminoC<sub>1-4</sub>alkylamino,  
 piperidinylaminoC<sub>1-4</sub>alkylaminoC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl,  
 (C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylpiperidinyl)(hydroxyC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-4</sub>alkylamino,  
 (C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylpiperidinyl)(hydroxyC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-4</sub>alkylaminoC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl,  
 10 pyridinylC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyloxy, hydroxyC<sub>1-4</sub>alkylamino, di(hydroxyC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)amino,  
 di(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-4</sub>alkylamino, aminothiadiazolyl,  
 aminosulfonylpiperazinylC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyloxy, or thiophenylC<sub>1-4</sub>alkylamino;  
 each R<sup>5</sup> and R<sup>6</sup> can be placed on the nitrogen in replacement of the hydrogen;
- 15 aryl in the above is phenyl, or phenyl substituted with one or more substituents each  
 independently selected from halo, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxy, trifluoromethyl, cyano or  
 hydroxycarbonyl.
- 20 2. A compound as claimed in claim 1 wherein  
 R<sup>3</sup> and R<sup>4</sup> are each independently selected from hydrogen, hydroxy, hydroxyC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl,  
 aminoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl or aminoaryl;
- (A) is a radical selected from (a-1), (a-2), (a-3), (a-4), (a-5), (a-6), (a-7), (a-8),  
 (a-9), (a-10), (a-11), (a-12), (a-13), (a-14), (a-15), (a-16), (a-17), (a-18), (a-19),  
 25 (a-20), (a-21), (a-22), (a-23), (a-24), (a-25), (a-26), (a-27), (a-28), (a-29), (a-30),  
 (a-31), (a-32), (a-33), (a-34), (a-35), (a-36), (a-37), (a-38), (a-39), (a-40), (a-41),  
 (a-42) (a-43) or (a-44);
- each R<sup>5</sup> and R<sup>6</sup> are independently selected from hydrogen; halo; hydroxy; amino; nitro;  
 trihaloC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl; trihaloC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxy; C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl; C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxy;  
 30 C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxyC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxy; C<sub>1-6</sub>alkylcarbonyl; C<sub>1-6</sub>alkylsulfonyl; cyanoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl;  
 hydroxyC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl; hydroxyC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxy; hydroxyC<sub>1-6</sub>alkylamino;  
 aminoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxy; di(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)aminocarbonyl; di(hydroxyC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)amino;  
 arylC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)amino; di(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxy;  
 di(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkylamino; arylsulfonyl; arylsulfonylamino; aryloxy;  
 35 arylC<sub>2-6</sub>alkenediyl; di(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)amino;  
 di(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl;  
 di(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl; cyano; thiophenyl;  
 thiophenyl substituted with di(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl,

di(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkylpiperazinylC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl or  
 di(hydroxyC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl; furanyl; imidazolyl; C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyltriazolyl;  
 tetrazolyl; pyrrolidinyl; piperidinylC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxy; morpholinyl;  
 C<sub>1-6</sub>alkylmorpholinyl; morpholinylC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxy;  
 5 morpholinylC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl; C<sub>1-6</sub>alkylpiperazinyl; C<sub>1-6</sub>alkylpiperazinylC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxy;  
 C<sub>1-6</sub>alkylpiperazinylC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl; C<sub>1-6</sub>alkylpiperazinylsulfonyl;  
 aminosulfonylpiperazinylC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxy; aminosulfonylpiperazinyl;  
 aminosulfonylpiperazinylC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl; di(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)aminosulfonylpiperazinyl;  
 di(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)aminosulfonylpiperazinylC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl; hydroxyC<sub>1-6</sub>alkylpiperazinyl;  
 10 hydroxyC<sub>1-6</sub>alkylpiperazinylC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl; C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxy piperidinyl;  
 C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxy piperidinylC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl; hydroxyC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxyC<sub>1-6</sub>alkylpiperazinyl;  
 hydroxyC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxyC<sub>1-6</sub>alkylpiperazinylC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl;  
 (hydroxyC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)amino; (hydroxyC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl;  
 pyrrolidinylC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxy; pyrazolyl; thiopyrazolyl; pyrazolyl substituted with two  
 15 substituents selected from C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl or trihaloC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl; pyridinyl; pyridinyl  
 substituted with C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxy or aryl; pyrimidinyl; quinolinyl; indole; phenyl;  
 phenyl substituted with one, two or three substituents independently selected from  
 halo, amino, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxy, hydroxyC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, trifluoromethyl,  
 trifluoromethyloxy, hydroxyC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyloxy, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyloxyC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyloxy,  
 20 aminoC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyloxy,  
 di(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyloxy, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)amino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl,  
 di(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, piperidinylC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyloxy,  
 pyrrolidinylC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyloxy, aminosulfonylpiperazinyl,  
 aminosulfonylpiperazinylC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)aminosulfonylpiperazinyl,  
 25 di(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)aminosulfonylpiperazinylC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, hydroxyC<sub>1-4</sub>alkylpiperazinyl,  
 hydroxyC<sub>1-4</sub>alkylpiperazinylC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyloxy piperidinyl,  
 C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyloxy piperidinylC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, hydroxyC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyloxyC<sub>1-4</sub>alkylpiperazinyl,  
 hydroxyC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyloxyC<sub>1-4</sub>alkylpiperazinylC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl,  
 (hydroxyC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)amino, (hydroxyC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl,  
 30 pyrrolidinylC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyloxy, morpholinylC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyloxy, morpholinylC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl,  
 C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylpiperazinyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylpiperazinylC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyloxy,  
 C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylpiperazinylC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, hydroxyC<sub>1-4</sub>alkylamino, di(hydroxyC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)amino,  
 di(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-4</sub>alkylamino, aminothiadiazolyl,  
 aminosulfonylpiperazinylC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyloxy, or thiophenylC<sub>1-4</sub>alkylamino.

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3. A compound as claimed in claim 1 wherein t is 0;

R<sup>1</sup> is -C(O)NR<sup>3</sup>R<sup>4</sup>, -C(O)-C<sub>1-6</sub>alkanediylSR<sup>7</sup>, -NR<sup>8</sup>C(O)N(OH)R<sup>7</sup>,

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$-\text{NR}^8\text{C}(\text{O})\text{C}_{1-6}\text{alkanediy} \text{SR}^7$ ,  $-\text{NR}^8\text{C}(\text{O})\text{C}=\text{N}(\text{OH})\text{R}^7$  or another Zn-chelating-group wherein  $\text{R}^3$  and  $\text{R}^4$  are each independently selected from hydrogen, hydroxy, hydroxy $\text{C}_{1-6}\text{alkyl}$  or amino $\text{C}_{1-6}\text{alkyl}$ ;  $\text{R}^2$  is hydrogen, hydroxy, amino, hydroxy $\text{C}_{1-6}\text{alkyl}$ ,  $\text{C}_{1-6}\text{alkyl}$ ,  $\text{C}_{1-6}\text{alkyloxy}$ , aryl $\text{C}_{1-6}\text{alkyl}$ , aminocarbonyl, amino $\text{C}_{1-6}\text{alkyl}$ ,  $\text{C}_{1-6}\text{alkylaminoC}_{1-6}\text{alkyl}$  or  $\text{di}(\text{C}_{1-6}\text{alkyl})\text{aminoC}_{1-6}\text{alkyl}$ ;

$-\text{L}-$  is a bivalent radical selected from  $-\text{NHC}(\text{O})-$  or  $-\text{NHSO}_2-$ ;

$-\text{A}$  is a radical selected from (a-1), (a-3), (a-4), (a-5), (a-6), (a-7), (a-8), (a-9), (a-10), (a-11), (a-12), (a-13), (a-14), (a-15), (a-16), (a-17), (a-18), (a-19), (a-20), (a-21), (a-22), (a-23), (a-24), (a-25), (a-26), (a-28), (a-29), (a-30), (a-31), (a-32), (a-33), (a-34), (a-35), (a-36), (a-37), (a-38), (a-39), (a-40), (a-41), (a-42), (a-44), (a-45), (a-46), (a-47), (a-48) or (a-51);

each  $s$  is independently 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4;

$\text{R}^5$  is hydrogen; halo; hydroxy; amino; nitro; trihalo $\text{C}_{1-6}\text{alkyl}$ ; trihalo $\text{C}_{1-6}\text{alkyloxy}$ ;

$\text{C}_{1-6}\text{alkyl}$ ;  $\text{C}_{1-6}\text{alkyloxy}$ ;  $\text{C}_{1-6}\text{alkylcarbonyl}$ ;  $\text{C}_{1-6}\text{alkyloxycarbonyl}$ ;

$\text{C}_{1-6}\text{alkylsulfonyl}$ ; hydroxy $\text{C}_{1-6}\text{alkyl}$ ; aryloxy;  $\text{di}(\text{C}_{1-6}\text{alkyl})\text{amino}$ ; cyano;

thiophenyl; furanyl; furanyl substituted with hydroxy $\text{C}_{1-6}\text{alkyl}$ ; benzofuranyl;

imidazolyl; oxazolyl; oxazolyl substituted with aryl and  $\text{C}_{1-6}\text{alkyl}$ ;

$\text{C}_{1-6}\text{alkyltriazolyl}$ ; tetrazolyl; pyrrolidinyl; pyrrolyl; morpholinyl;

$\text{C}_{1-6}\text{alkylmorpholinyl}$ ; piperazinyl;

$\text{C}_{1-6}\text{alkylpiperazinyl}$ ; hydroxy $\text{C}_{1-6}\text{alkylpiperazinyl}$ ;

$\text{C}_{1-6}\text{alkyloxypiperidinyl}$ ; pyrazoly; pyrazolyl substituted with one or two

substituents selected from  $\text{C}_{1-6}\text{alkyl}$  or trihalo $\text{C}_{1-6}\text{alkyl}$ ; pyridinyl; pyridinyl

substituted with  $\text{C}_{1-6}\text{alkyloxy}$ , aryloxy or aryl; pyrimidinyl; quinolinyl; indole;

phenyl; or phenyl substituted with one or two substituents independently selected

from halo,  $\text{C}_{1-6}\text{alkyl}$ ,  $\text{C}_{1-6}\text{alkyloxy}$  or trifluoromethyl;

and  $\text{R}^6$  is hydrogen; halo; hydroxy; amino; nitro; trihalo $\text{C}_{1-6}\text{alkyl}$ ; trihalo $\text{C}_{1-6}\text{alkyloxy}$ ;

$\text{C}_{1-6}\text{alkyl}$ ;  $\text{C}_{1-6}\text{alkyloxy}$ ;  $\text{C}_{1-6}\text{alkylcarbonyl}$ ;  $\text{C}_{1-6}\text{alkyloxycarbonyl}$ ;

$\text{C}_{1-6}\text{alkylsulfonyl}$ ; hydroxy $\text{C}_{1-6}\text{alkyl}$ ; aryloxy;  $\text{di}(\text{C}_{1-6}\text{alkyl})\text{amino}$ ; cyano; pyridinyl;

phenyl; or phenyl substituted with one or two substituents independently selected

from halo,  $\text{C}_{1-6}\text{alkyl}$ ,  $\text{C}_{1-6}\text{alkyloxy}$  or trifluoromethyl.

4. A compound as claimed in claim 1 and 2 wherein  $t$  is 0 or 1; each  $\text{Q}$  is  $-\text{C} \equiv \text{C}-$ ; each  $\text{X}$  is nitrogen;  $\text{R}^1$  is  $-\text{C}(\text{O})\text{NH}(\text{OH})$ ;  $\text{R}^2$  is hydrogen, hydroxy,  $\text{C}_{1-6}\text{alkyl}$ , or aryl $\text{C}_{1-6}\text{alkyl}$ ;  $-\text{L}-$  is a bivalent radical selected from  $-\text{NHC}(\text{O})-$  or  $-\text{NHSO}_2-$ ;

$-\text{A}$  is a radical selected from (a-1) or (a-20); each  $s$  is independently 0 or 1; and each  $\text{R}^5$  is independently selected from hydrogen or phenyl.



5. A compound as claimed in claim 1, 2 and 4 wherein t is 1; each Q is  $\text{---C}\equiv$ ; each X is nitrogen; each Y is nitrogen; each Z is  $\text{---O---}$  or  $\text{---CH}_2\text{---}$ ;  $\text{R}^1$  is  $\text{---C(O)NH(OH)---}$ ;  $\text{R}^2$  is hydrogen;  $\text{---L---}$  is a bivalent radical selected from  $\text{---NHC(O)---}$  or  $\text{---NHSO}_2\text{---}$ ;

$\text{---}\textcircled{\text{A}}\text{---}$  is a radical selected from (a-1) or (a-20); each s is independently 0 or 1;

- 5 and each  $\text{R}^5$  is independently selected from hydrogen or phenyl.

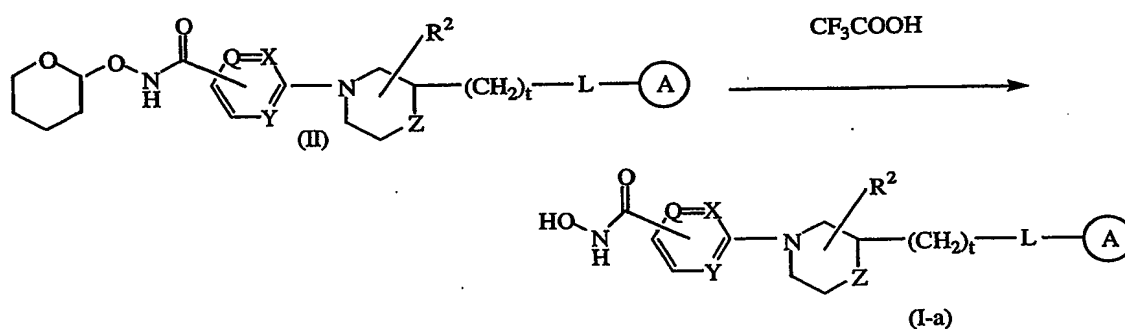
6. A compound according to claim 1, 2, 4 and 5 selected from compounds No 4, No 10, No 8, No 6, No 1, No 12 and No 14.

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(B); Co. No. 1	(A); Co. No. 12
Co. No. 14	

- 10 7. A pharmaceutical composition comprising pharmaceutically acceptable carriers and as an active ingredient a therapeutically effective amount of a compound as claimed in claim 1 to 6.

- 15 8. A process of preparing a pharmaceutical composition as claimed in claim 7 wherein the pharmaceutically acceptable carriers and a compound as claimed in claim 1 to 6 are intimately mixed.

9. A compound as claimed in any of claims 1 to 6 for use as a medicine.
10. Use of a compound as claimed in any of claims 1 to 6 for the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment of proliferative diseases.
11. A process for preparing a compound as claimed in claim 1, characterized by reacting an intermediate of formula (II) with an appropriate acid, such as for example, trifluoro acetic acid, yielding a hydroxamic acid of formula (I-a), wherein  $R^1$  is  $-C(O)NH(OH)$ .



12. A method of detecting or identifying a HDAC in a biological sample comprising detecting or measuring the formation of a complex between a labelled compound as defined in claim 1 and a HDAC.
13. A combination of an anti-cancer agents and a HDAC inhibitor as claimed in any of claims 1 to 6.